



Today's world economy requires visionary leadership that is tested when it comes to problem solving. Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3), continues to meet tough economic challenges head on.

As a passionate advocate for Missouri jobs, Congressman Carnahan encourages investment in education and technological innovation that can help bring jobs of the future to the Greater St. Louis Area, including St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, and Ste. Genevieve County, areas he represents.

Without doubt, Congressman Carnahan has lived up to expectations set early on by publications like the *Wall Street Journal*

, that recognized him as someone to watch after his first election to Congress. Not surprisingly, his peers selected him to serve with Democratic House leadership as a freshman member in the role of assistant whip, where he has now advanced to serve as a Senior Majority Whip since Democrats took control of Congress.

Upon arriving in the United States House of Representatives in 2005, he secured seats on influential committees that could best serve his constituents, including Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science and Technology. With a lot of hard work, and the ability to overcome obstacles, Congressman Carnahan has delivered much needed assistance and critical projects to areas and individuals most in need throughout his district.

He continues to provide essential leadership Missourians can count on.

Congressman Carnahan realizes the need to provide additional help in eradicating dangerous roadways including some rated among the top ten most deadly in America.

Likewise, cutting-edge technologies that provide life-saving cures, create energy efficiencies, advance research, and stimulate regional development, are enhanced by Congressman Carnahan's service on the Science and Technology Committee, accomplishments that haven't gone unnoticed. He has made investment in our nation's competitiveness a priority by pushing for the America COMPETES Act and an innovation agenda for the future. As a member of the bipartisan whip team, he played an integral role in passing the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which includes strict ethical standards in providing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

With a keen eye on obtaining energy independence, Congressman Carnahan's leadership is recognized for advocating alternative fuels and renewable energy.

He is responsible for introducing the Consumer Relief and Investment In Our Future Act, which aimed to force big oil companies to pay up after recording multiple quarters of record profits.

Most recently, he co-founded the Congressional High Performance Buildings Caucus in an effort to highlight the benefits - economic, environmental, and societal - of high performance buildings and to provide leadership and encouragement in both the public and private sectors for these buildings.

Soon after taking office, Congressman Carnahan also secured an appointment to the prestigious House Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he is now Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight. Established relationships have proven helpful in developing measures and congressional support for expanded use of diplomacy abroad, greater protections for troops in harms way, as well as sound approaches for shoring up the world's sagging economy in ways which can provide more opportunities for American ingenuity and displaced workers.

Reflecting his concern, Congressman Carnahan co-founded the Congressional Caucus for Bosnia to help direct attention to the needs of all citizens of Bosnia and Bosnian-Americans, while steadfastly working to foster and improve relations between the U.S. and Bosnia. He represents the largest Bosnian-American population.

As a member of the House Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Congressman Carnahan is working with other Members to improve its response and recovery in the wake of natural and man made disasters.

His devotion and efforts toward eradicating disease, helping working families, easing financial hardships of college students, protecting the environment as well as sportsmen and women has earned him accolades from watchdog groups who have recognized his service and lauded his service. He was selected by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as their "Representative of the Year", named a "Friend of the Farmer" by the Missouri Farmer's Union, received an "A+" rating for his support of middle class families, as well as the "Best of Congress" award by *Working Mother* magazine.

Prior to serving in Congress, he served two terms in the Missouri House of Representatives where his award winning service was capped by his being elected Chairman of the Democratic Caucus. As a member of leadership in the state House, Carnahan was instrumental in passing the Women's Health Initiative, fighting for the reauthorization of the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). He also fought to preserve funding for Medicaid and historic preservation tax credits, efforts that continue to be a priority for Congressman Carnahan in our nation's capital. For his efforts, he was recognized as an outstanding state lawmaker by the Missouri Bar Association, the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA), as well as the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

A lifelong Missourian, Russ Carnahan was born on July 10, 1958 and grew up in Rolla, Missouri. At a very young age he learned the value of hard work and public service from his family and the rural community where he was raised. After graduating from Rolla High School, Carnahan attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in public service. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law where he served on the Board of Advocates.

Congressman Carnahan and his wife, Debra Carnahan, have two sons Austin and Andrew.